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IN RE APPLICATION OF :

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SERIAL NO: 10/723,603 :

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FOR: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS :

THAT CHECKS HARDWARE

RESOURCES BEFORE ACTIVATING HARDWARE-RELATED PROGRAMS

## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated June 8, 2009, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 21 of this paper.